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WASHINGTON, DC- U.S. Rep. Charlie Melancon today announced that the Terrebonne Parish Port Commission and the Greater Lafourche Port Commission would receive investment checks worth \$1.7 million from the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

**"These federal grants will bring good jobs and more business to southeast Louisiana,"** said Melancon.

**"They will give us a helping hand in rebuilding our coastal economy after the devastation of last year's hurricanes."**

The investments include:

- \$900,000 to the Terrebonne Parish Port Commission of Houma, La., to help build harbor improvements for Terrebonne Port in support of a major new shipyard that will serve military interests and deepwater energy development industries. The project is expected to attract \$7.5 million in private investment and create 225 jobs.
- \$800,000 to the Greater LaFourche Port Commission of Galliano, La., to help build water and access road infrastructure to serve the South Lafourche Leonard J. Miller, Jr. Airport. The improvements will improve the airport's ability to provide intermodal transportation services to firms in deepwater energy industries and is expected to attract \$14 million in private investment and create 256 jobs.

EDA serves as a venture capital resource to meet the economic development needs of distressed communities throughout the United States, preparing them for growth and success in the world economy and promoting innovation and competitiveness.

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